

CITY OF MCINTYRE

Minutes

May 1, 2023

5:30 p.m.

City of McIntyre Meeting Room

The City of McIntyre council meeting was held on May 1, 2023 with Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick presiding. Council Members present were Katherine Scott, John Carswell, and Eugene Moore. Mayor Vicki Horne and Council Member Debra Kennedy were absent.

Others in attendance: City Clerk Davonia Riddle, Chief Wayne Amerson, City Attorney John (Jack) Nichols, Dwan Carswell, Mr. Pat and Joyce Martin.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick. Prayer was led by Council Member Eugene Moore.

Approval of Minutes:

Council Member Katherine Scott made a motion to approve the minutes for April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting, Seconded by Council Member John Carswell. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rico stated that he knows Mr. Pat isn't on the agenda but asked if he wanted to say anything. He said everyone should have gotten an invitation to the fish fry seafood dinner, May 11th at the Blue Goose in Irwinton. Mr. Pat wanted to get all the elected officials together. He said Council Member John and he were talking earlier, and everyone wants the same thing for the county to move forward. He goes on to say, this is a social event with no agenda and not a lot of presentations unless someone has something to say. He said it's just for everyone to get together and see each other and enjoy some seafood. Mayor Pro-Tem Rico thanked him.

Old Business:

Generator-ARPA funds

City Clerk Davonia told the council we received an updated estimate for the generator because the other estimate is about a year old. Council Member Katherine asked if the amount is more than last year. City Clerk Davonia said she remembered the labor being \$13,000 and said the amount is around the same but a little higher. Council Member Eugene said the natural gas is \$80,118. Council Member Katherine asked does that amount includes everything and Council Member Eugene said no. He said both will add another \$13,596 to the amount. He said it's about \$93,000 going with natural gas and diesel will be a little less. Council Member John said it's about a \$6,000 difference. Council Member Eugene said natural gas will be worth that difference. Council Member John said he keeps hearing all the issues they're having with natural gas and moving away from it. He said he understands having natural gas employees wouldn't have to run out and add fuel. He said if you factor in having people on call, it

will cost you either way. Council Member Eugene said there used to be a meter there with natural gas, but it was disconnected a few years ago. He said it should be less than \$1,000 to be reconnected. Council Member John asked the council if the city is at a point to decide. He said it's been four or five months and City Clerk Davonia and Council Member Eugene said a year. Council Member Katherine asked if the generator will be at the pump house? Council Member Eugene goes on to say during a power failure it will automatically start. No one would have to come out. Council Member John said he agrees to move forward with getting the generator, but he had one other question to ask. He said at the sewer plant there is over 300 acres of land. Officer Hughes and he were talking about getting a solar field on that land. He said the place could run off solar energy. Council Member Eugene Moore said he has talked with someone in the past. Council Member John said Georgia Power is going to charge a pretty penny to have electricity at the plant. Council Member Katherine Scott said we still would have to pay Georgia Power. Council Member Eugene said what the city generates, Georgia Power will buy, but the city would still have to pay the power bill. Council Member Eugene Moore stated Georgia Power will not service the plant, Oconee EMC will service that area.

Council Member John Carswell made a motion to move forward with purchasing the natural gas generator from Helton Electric, Seconded by Council Member Eugene Moore. Motion carried.

Gay Wood Product Inc.

City Clerk Davonia told council the city is starting to receive funds from the trees being cut at the sewer plant and so for the city has received four checks totaling around \$86,000. She said all the funds from the tree cutting has been moved to the Local Government Investment Pool account so the funds can draw interest. She goes on to say that they bring them every week; she doesn't know what the total will be but will let the council know.

Alcohol Ordinance

City Clerk Davonia asked City Attorney Jack Nichols to explain the information he found. He said last month the council asked about having vendors come in during May Day and sell alcohol. City Attorney Jack Nichols said he investigated it and from his reading, you can require the vendor to have a permit, but you can't charge more than \$50. You can have them pay a permit fee and they can cater wine. He said he spoke with someone from the Department of Revenue, and they read it differently. They stated a local entity like a city or county in their ordinance allows cater to come in and have cater licenses. He goes on to say, the city doesn't allow catering licenses, so his recommendation is to not allow the person to sell. He said if the city wants to do something like this in the future, the city will have to amend ordinance to allow catering licenses for alcohol. Then if anyone wants to do something in the future, we will be able to allow them to pay a \$50 permit fee and they can come from outside the city and will be able to serve alcohol at whatever function. He said to be safe, you want to add the changes to the city ordinance. He asked Council Member John if that answered his question, and he said yes. Council Member John asked Chief Amerson how he feels about the selling of alcohol. Chief Amerson said he would be against it because of the children. He said if it's anything with kids, he doesn't feel alcohol should be allowed. Council Member John said if we were to have something without kids would that be okay, Chief Amerson said yes if there are no kids involved. Council Member John said that's something the city can investigate and amend, but also having a clause regarding the children. Council Member John said that the city can table and sleep on it and we can discuss it at the next council meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rico Myrick stated that a citizen asked him about Sunday alcohol sales after 1:00. He asked what the city would have to do regarding selling on Sunday? City Attorney Jack Nichols said the

alcohol rules are kind of weird and complicated so he wants to double check, but he thinks the city will have amend the ordinance. City Attorney Jack said but, in some cases, you must also vote, and it depends on what the city and county ordinance currently states. He said he will go back to look to verify and let the council know at the next meeting.

401K

City Clerk Davonia told the council that employees receiving 401K will be receiving the fund this week. She goes on to say they will also receive a 1099 at the end of the year. After everything is calculated the city will receive documentation showing how much the city will have to pay from the loss/gains during that period.

Sewer Worker

City Clerk Davonia stated that Mayor Horne is not present to discuss this topic. She goes on to say she wanted to know what the city's next step is. Council Member Carswell asked has anything been decided regarding the pay. City Clerk Davonia said not at this time. Council Member John said the system is a class one license. He also asked if the city gets someone not qualified, will they be sent to training, City Clerk Davonia and Council Member Eugene Moore said yes. Council Member Eugene Moore said the total amount budgeted for sewer workers was around \$55,000. Council Member John Carswell stated that if the city does not find anybody he will consider applying for the position.

Chief Wayne Amerson said he went to Macon to get a quote on the accessories for his truck. He said with everything that is needed it will cost around \$5,100. He said he wanted to know if the council wanted him to take it out of public safety SPLOST because the funds haven't been spent funds from there yet.

Council Member John Carswell made a motion for Chief Amerson to use a minimum of \$6,000 to purchase the equipment for his truck, seconded by Council Member Katherine Scott. Motion carried.

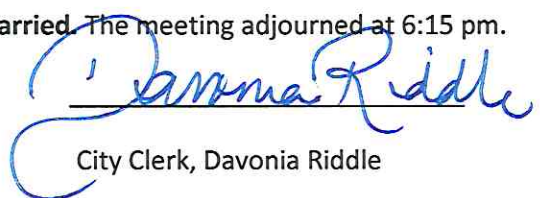
Council Comments

Council Member Eugene Moore stated that a lot of citizens have asked about having swings in Price Park. City Clerk Davonia said she talked with Mayor Horne about adding a gazebo for sitting but the company sale had ended. City Clerk Davonia said she will check the remaining ARPA funds.

With there being no further business, **Motion made by Council Member John Carswell, Seconded by Council Member Katherine Scott, to adjourned. Motion Carried.** The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.



Mayor, Vicki Horne



City Clerk, Davonia Riddle